

# Grace Weekly Email Update

## September 24, 2025

### Message from Pastor Jeff



Did you love somebody today in a way that declares that you are not "merely human" but a new creation in Christ filled with the Spirit of God to declare His grace to all the world? This is our responsibility and our privilege!

Speaking of love...you can [give blood this Sunday](#) at church from 8:30am-12:00pm.

Our [college/young adult \(17-24\) group](#) starts back this Sunday afternoon. If you know someone in this age group, tell them to check it out!

Paul tells the Corinthians that they should look back at the whole Old Testament and learn that they should avoid four things. Curious as to what those are? Join us this Sunday/Monday and we'll dig in. It's good stuff.

Monday night worship peoples: October 6 is National Noodle Day and you know that we don't like to miss such things on Monday night. Plan to stay after worship on Oct. 6 to dine on some noodles and experience some fellowship around the table.

Yours in Christ,

Jeff

## WORSHIP SERVICES — September 28 & 29

### Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: Jesus Calls Us; The Way of the Cross Leads Home

### Modern (9:30 & 11:00am Sunday)

Songs: Come to Jesus; Goodness of God  
The Heart of Worship; Christ Be Magnified

### Modern (6pm Monday)

Songs: Goodness of God; Christ Be Magnified  
The Heart of Worship; Good Plans

Live Stream @ 9:30am Sunday: [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#)

Past Sermons/Materials: Click [HERE](#).

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*Grace Community Church exists for the glory of God,  
to make visible the kingdom of God, and  
to declare the grace of God to all the world.*

# KIDS MINISTRY



## (Infants—PreK)

Contact: [Christine Turpin](#)

## Kids Church (Infants-PreK)



**Pumpkin Prayers:  
Connecting With God**  
(Now through October 26)

It's no trick - prayer is a treat we can enjoy as believers. It's our chance to connect with God, to grow our faith, and to find direction away from sin and toward a brighter future.

*Memory Verse: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." - Philippians 4:6*

**Mark Your Calendars**

**Trunk or Treat—Sunday, October 26, 4-6pm**



## (K-5th Grade)

Contact: [Sarah Reykers](#)

## Kids Church (K-5th Grade) SIMPLY LOVED Month of September



## SOMETHING NEW FOR KIDS CHURCH....

Hey parents! Your kids will be coming home with weekly bible verses to memorize. Get excited with them because there are some pretty cool prizes! Each week they memorize a verse, they get a small prize. They also get a sticker. As a group, the more stickers we get, the bigger and better the incentives get. Ice cream? Yep. Pie in the face? Oh yeah! Monkey House? SO FUN!! Help them memorize the verse each week!

*Our new verse for the next couple of weeks:  
"Do everything in love". 1 Corinthians 16:14*

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## DASH & FM

(6-8th grades) & (9-12th grades)

Contact [Dana](#) For DASH and FM

Dash/FM Page on Grace Website—Click [HERE](#)



### Wednesday Night Youth

6-7:30pm

### StuMin Building

Each Wednesday we come together for food, fun, fellowship, small groups and worship. Bring a friend!.



## TRAIL LIFE USA

(K-12<sup>th</sup> grade boys)

Contact [JD](#) for Trail Life.

**Troop 316, First 3 Mondays  
of Each Month**

**6:15-7:30pm, StuMin**

Trail Life USA is a Church-Based,

Christ-Centered, Boy-Focused mentoring and discipleship ministry that speaks to the heart of a boy. Set in the context of outdoor adventure, boys are engaged in a Troop setting by male mentors where they are challenged to grow in character, understand their purpose, serve their community, and develop practical leadership skills to carry out the mission for which they were created.



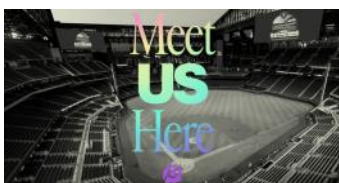
# CONNECT/EVENTS/STUDIES



## **Women's Craft Night** **Thursday, October 9, 6-8pm** **STUDENT MINISTRY BLDG.**

Join the women of Grace for a fun night of crafting, conversation, and friendship! We will be

painting outdoor doormats, all supplies are provided. If you aren't the most artistic person don't worry, we have all the things necessary to make it easy on you! The cost is \$10 per person, I hope you can join us! Contact [Reagan Newell](#) with any questions! **Deadline to sign-up is Thursday, October 2.** Register [HERE](#).



## **Young Adults Passion 2026** **January 1-3, 2026** **Globe Life Field** **Arlington, TX**

Join the gathering of a generation united for Jesus at Passion 2026

in Arlington, TX on January 1-3, 2026. At Passion 2026 18-25 year olds from across the country and around the world are coming together, lifting one voice, declaring one name—JESUS. And the invitation is open: meet us here.

Grace Young Adults will travel down to Arlington on Thursday, January 1 and return the evening of Saturday, January 3. Hotel + Ticket included in \$150 fee. [Click HERE to sign up](#). If you have questions, contact [Reagan](#).



## **Trunk or Treat** **Sunday, October 26** **4-6pm**

### **Grace Parking Lot**

Bring out the whole family for a safe, fun, and festive evening! Kids can dress up,

enjoy our parking lot filled with decorated trunks ready to fill your buckets with candy, play games, and make sweet memories. This free community event is open to everyone. We'd love to see you there!

If you have any questions contact [Sarah Reykers](#).

If you are interested in hosting a trunk or game, click [HERE](#). (We will help you with candy.)

## **Candy Donations for Trunk or Treat—start NOW!**

If you are not able to host a "Trunk" or "Game," you can help out by supplying candy. Either purchase the candy and bring it to the church starting NOW or you can give a monetary donation (be sure to mark your donation "Trunk or Treat Candy").

# CONNECT—On Going Groups



## **Upper Room Daily Devotional Discussion Group** **1st & 3rd Wednesdays** **1-2pm, Activity Center**

Using the Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide, ladies discuss the daily reading and the Bible verses as a launching pad for in-depth discussions to include sharing personal experiences. Class is led by Ava Imotichey.



## **By Hook, Needle & Craft Women's Group** **1st & 3rd Thursdays** **1pm, Activity Center**

Join a group of women who love crafts and visiting with each other. Crafts include knitting, crewel, needlepoint, cross-stitch and any other craft you wish to do. If you are gifted with these talents or want to learn, join these ladies in this wonderful ministry. On the few occasions when the first day of the month falls on a Thursday, meetings will be on 2nd & 4th Thursdays. Class is led by Mary Carter.



## **Men's Fellowship Lunch** **1st Thursdays, Oct. 2, 12pm** **The Egg of Fort Smith** **3801 Planters Rd.**

Join men from Grace the first Thursday of each month, 12pm at The Egg of Fort Smith for a meal, fellowship and updates on our Men's Ministry. There is no need to sign up. We usually meet from noon-1pm. Invite a friend or co-worker.



## **Singles Ministry** **Thrive Monthly Lunch** **1st Saturday Each Month, Noon** **Anthony's Italian Restaurant**

Are you looking to find a community at Grace? Join the Thrive- Single's ministry for a monthly lunch full with conversation, connection, and yummy Italian food! Thrive will meet every 1st Saturday of the Month. The lunch will be hosted at Anthony's Italian Restaurant. No need to sign-up, just come when you can! If you have any questions please reach out to [Reagan Newell](#). Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6





## Blood Drive, Sunday, September 28 8:30am—noon, Lobby

Every donation can save lives and share Christ's love in a practical way. Select a time to donate before, during, or after service. Sign up prior to the 28th and receive a Grace Community shirt! To sign up for a time slot, click [HERE](#).

**Sign up NOW and receive an exclusive Grace t-shirt!**

## Baby Clothes and Shoes Needed



Two of our Community Partners Heart to Heart Pregnancy and Family Center and 1st Choice Pregnancy Medical Center are in need of **Boys and Girls 2T and 3T** clothing as well as shoes. If you happen to see a sale anywhere and want to pick up a few items, that would be great. Like new, second hand clothing is accepted too. You can drop items off on Sunday morning or at the church office during the week.

## Volunteers Needed at the Community Rescue Mission



Parenting Classes for the residents of the Community Rescue Mission are back in session. Each Thursday night, Jeanne Carroll, our Families in Transition liaison, leads classes from 6:30 -7:30 p.m. In order for the parents to be fully engaged, child care providers are needed. Please contact Jeanne Carroll at [Jcarroll@fortsmithschools.org](mailto:Jcarroll@fortsmithschools.org) for more details.



American  
Foundation  
for Suicide  
Prevention



## River Valley Out of the Darkness Walk September 27

Celebration Garden &  
Wellness Park, Barling

Register at

[afsp.org/rivervalley](http://afsp.org/rivervalley)

or use the QR code here.



## Crawlin' for Kids CASA Fundraiser

October 25

FREE

Ben Geren Pk  
Safe Room

Register using UPC code.

# SERVE

Contact [Kathleen](#) for more information.



## Nicaragua Dates Set for 2026

Team 1: May 30 - June 6

Team 2: June 6 - June 13

Cost is \$2,000

\$100 Deposit is due by November 14th to hold your spot.  
Possible additional dates will be August 1-8 and August 8-15  
All the details are listed on our website.

Click [HERE](#).

Please contact [Kathleen](#) if you have any questions.



# MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Contact [Rick](#) for more information.



Meet our team:

Click [HERE](#).

Mental Health  
Resources:

Click [HERE](#).

Mental Health page  
on our website:

Click [HERE](#).

## September's Suicide Awareness By Rusti Holwick, LPE-I, LADAC, AADC

I am humbled and feel honored to participate in Grace's Mental Health Ministry's September focus on Suicide Awareness & Prevention.



Suicide: It's a devastating reality in our world. The church body, unfortunately, is not insulated or protected from this phenomenon as scripture clearly says, "In this world you will have trouble." John 16:33.

There is nothing more heartbreaking than the loss of a child or other loved one, especially to what seems so unnecessary such as an act of completed suicide. Those left behind relentlessly wonder and question, "What could I have done differently?" "What did I miss?" "Why didn't I see it?"... and continue to beat themselves up over it and often end up in a downward spiral mentally and emotionally themselves. Some will say, "It's such a selfish act."

The truth is that those who become suicidal, having thoughts of "I'd be better off dead." or "I just need to end everything.", etc are responding to a sense of hopelessness and helplessness to whatever has become the battle within their mind and emotion.

Although we as loved ones can clearly see and know someone is loved and has much to live for, the mind of someone battling suicidal thoughts and having other mental health issues such as depression or other becomes stuck (for a lack of a better description) on this thought, feeling pattern: wash, rinse, repeat.

In other words, they are not acting in a selfish manner in their minds, but trying to find relief.

We will be providing information, education and resources for you throughout the month to help you better recognize signs of someone having suicidal thoughts and ways you can be better equipped to recognize not only the signs but also approaches you might use and have opportunities to ask very direct loving questions that might change the course of action for someone. It's important to remember there's never a quick fix. One intervention is usually only a beginning or a step along the path.



# OTHER

**River Valley Master Gardeners**  
**“Fall Is Fabulous”**  
**Saturday, October 4**  
**9am-noon, Worship Center**

Grace has offered our facility for this event hosted by the River Valley Master Gardeners. The event is free of charge and open to the public. If you enjoy gardening, you will surely want to attend. Shown below are the guest speakers.



Steve Dobbs,  
MS Horticulture  
*Seasonal Color  
Design & Plant  
Ideas*



Katlyn Nolker,  
City of Alma  
Horticulturalist  
*Native Plants*



Courtney Witt,  
Blossomberry  
Nursery  
*Preserving Cut  
Flowers*

*Follow River Valley Master Gardeners  
on Facebook*



# PRAYER

If you have prayer needs, please submit request [HERE](#).

## Community & World

Unsaved

United States

Countries in Turmoil

All Military

Foster and Adoptive Parents

Victims of Violence

Weather Disaster Victims

Eight Days of Hope Ministry

Those who are sick

Those struggling w/mental illness & addictions

Those struggling with grief

## Grace Families

Donna Newbold

Sandy Rye

Pam Brixey

## Grace Friends

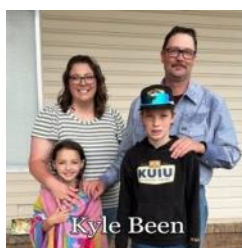
Jennifer Shaw

A Father addicted to alcohol

## Cancer Fighters—Grace Family

Nora Lowe

## Men Attending 4KK Retreat in the next couple of weeks:



Kyle Been



Sean Martin



Zach Johnson



Kevin Dye



Howard Walton



Forrest Marvin



Damon Rye



Chad Treadaway



Brandon Green